

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Parks and Recreation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Robbins, Smoot, Taniguchi, and
Chairperson Cook.

Absent: Commissioner McGee.

Also Present: Recreation Services Manager Jones,
Park Services Manager Wilson, and
Senior Project Leader Orpe.

MOTION: Commissioner Taniguchi moved to grant an excused absence to Commissioner McGee for the November 8, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Commissioner Smoot seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smoot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Smoot moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Taniguchi seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2006

MOTION: Commissioner Smoot moved for the approval of the August 9, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Taniguchi seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner McGee).

5B. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2006

MOTION: Commissioner Smoot moved for the approval of the October 11, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Taniguchi seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner McGee).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. APPROVAL OF THE DOG PARK

Chairperson Cook noted that this agenda heading was in error and should read "Exploration of Installing a Dog Park in Torrance."

Park Services Manager Wilson reported that City Council discussed the concept of locating a Dog Park in the City on October 10, 2006 under Orals and recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission be responsible for identifying possible locations, establishing rules and regulations, and determining costs. He stated that Columbia Park and Wilson Park were mentioned as possible locations. He recommended that the assignment be referred to the Open Space Committee, consisting of Commissioners Robbins and McGee, noting that one position was vacant due to the resignation of Commissioner Tookey.

Recreation Services Manager Jones recommended postponing the assignment of a third member until after the Commission's merger with the Community Services Commission.

Responding to Commissioner Smoot's inquiries, Park Services Manager Wilson stated that cost of a Dog Park would be determined by the size and location of the dedicated area and that he was not aware of much public demand for a Dog Park. He suggested that the Committee contact established organizations in the area such as the Torrance Dog Obedience Club for their input. He noted that dogs were allowed on leashes in City parks.

MOTION: Commissioner Taniguchi moved to concur with staff recommendation to assign exploration of installing a Dog Park in Torrance to the Open Space Committee. Chairperson Cook seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner McGee).

7. STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

7A. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Recreation Services Manager Jones stated that a meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to initiate discussions to plan a "Wall of Honor" to recognize accomplishments in youth sports.

7B. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Previously discussed at this meeting.

7C. PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

No report.

8. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

8A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Senior Project Leader Orpe reported that 75,000 copies of the new Seasons guide have been printed and mailed out and that the first day of registration is November 29, 2006. He stated that Park Ranger Program Coordinator Mark Fujimori continues to have a good working relationship with Torrance Unified School District and is in the process of conducting a survey of all park buildings.

8B. PARK SERVICES DIVISION

Park Services Manager Wilson reported that there has been an increase of vandalism at Wilson Park that includes the Roller Hockey rink and attributed it to the warm weather. He briefly discussed a traffic incident that occurred in front of Benstead Plunge.

Responding to Commissioner Robbins' inquiry, he stated that AYSO hoped that the results of the upgraded soccer field at Columbia Park would be better, and that they were considering enhancing other fields. He added that there is still a problem with gophers.

8C. RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

Recreation Services Manager Jones discussed the Halloween Carnival that had 1500 participants and thanked Commissioners McGee and Taniguchi for serving as judges.

9. ORALS

9A. Commissioner Smoot stated that she would miss Commissioner Tookey's guidance and service, and encouraged Commissioners to attend the 27th Annual Turkey Trot.

9B. Commissioner Robbins stated that the Commissioner Training session last month was informative and that he was surprised at the number of community members present.

9C. Chairperson Cook stated that he also attended the Commissioner Training session and participated in the Youth Council selection process.

9D. Recreation Services Manager Jones provided information about mandatory Ethics Training sessions for Commissioners.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Commissioner Smoot moved to adjourn the meeting to December 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room. Commissioner Taniguchi seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Cook so ordered.

Approved as Submitted December 13, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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